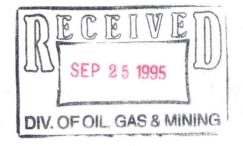


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Jon Showalter
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Dear Mr. Showalter:

Re: Expansion of Limestone Mining Operation

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality (DAQ) reviewed a notice from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining concerning the Cotter Corporation expansion of the small Papoose mining operation into a larger mining facility.

The Division has the following specific concerns that you need to be aware of:

- Mining activities fall under fugitive dust rules found in R307-12-2 and R307-12-5 of the Utah Air Conservation Rules (UACR). These rules require that fugitive dust emissions be minimized as an integral part of site preparation, mining activities, and reclamation operations. The fugitive dust emissions cannot exceed 20% opacity. The steps to minimize fugitive dust may include but are not limited to watering and/or chemical stabilization, providing vegetative or synthetic cover and windbreaks.
- 2. If material is being crushed and/or screened on site, R307-1-3.1.1 of the UACR requires a Notice of Intent to be submitted to the DAQ and an Air Quality Approval Order (AO) be issued.
- 3. If an AO is required, the AO must be issued prior to initiation of the modification or construction.



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If you have any questions on what is required, please contact Carol Nielsen at 801 536-4073.

Sincerely,

Russell A. Roberts, Executive Secretary Utah Air Quality Board

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